

UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS (UAV), P.O. BOX 34338, PHOENIX, AZ 85067

**MINUTES OF THE UAV GENERAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2011
AT THE STATE VETERAN HOME, 4141 N. SILVESTRE HERRERA WAY,
PHOENIX, AZ 85012**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Bob Delker, followed by Invocation by Chaplain Bo Bohach, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. ARIZONA VETERAN SUPPORTIVE CAMPUSES: Gene van den Bosch, Arizona Veterans Education Foundation, reported recent statistics that veterans at supportive campuses finish college compared to 8% completion when campuses are not supportive. Supportive activities include first day buddy, vets only classes, and veterans resource centers. There are 106 campuses in Arizona. **Michael “Rome” Hall, USMC veteran and student** reported on some of the common veteran concerns such as studying while working part-time. He spoke highly of the helpfulness of veterans resource centers.

Mailing address: Arizona Veterans Education Foundation (AVEF), 8823 E. San Rafael Drive, Scottsdale 85258-1930. 480.543.8330. Web site:
www.azveteranseducationfoundation.org

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2. TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR VETERANS: Gary Tennant, USAF veteran, Private Coach Limos Company, announced that he is available to transport veterans for free for short trips in Phoenix. Long-distance trips can also be arranged at a discount rate. Tel. 602.653.9340. Email: PRIVATECOACHLIMOS@yahoo.com

ROLL CALL: Quorum established for conducting business.

MINUTES of the Sept 3rd Meeting. Motion to approve the Minutes by Mel Brody and seconded by Dave Willis. Motion carried.

No Treasurer's Report due to Treasurer Gersten's being called away to Pennsylvania.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Chaplain Bo Bohach reported that Jesse Gersten was called away to Pennsylvania (death in family).

REPORTS:

1. Arizona Dept of Veterans' Services – Homer Rodgers, Deputy Director, reported that the Phoenix Veteran Home is now self-sustaining. The Tucson Veteran Home will be dedicated on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$28 million. The Administrator selected is Jim Ross.

Three Veterans Benefits Counselors will soon be hired. The Southwest Asia Monument will be re-dedicated on Sat., October 29th. The Sierra Vista Cemetery is scheduled for expansion with a \$5 million columbarium. A Boundary survey for an 81-acre veterans cemetery will soon be conducted at Camp Navajo in Bellemont, AZ. A 40-50 acre veteran cemetery in north Tucson is needed and may require a land swap.

Reminder, the Vietnam Veterans Banquet is scheduled for Oct 22nd at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa, Chandler.

2. UAV Board of Directors – Chairman Delker

2011 Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame – Chairman Delker reported that the cost of attending the Oct 28 Induction Ceremony & Luncheon is \$45/person effective October 1st. Be sure to register at: www.avhof.org

Upcoming Feb 9, 2012 Copper Sword/Copper Shield Award Ceremony and Dinner – Chairman Delker reported that with the Legislature Session closing on February 9, 2012, the Copper Sword/Copper Shield Award Ceremony & Dinner will be Thursday, February 9 at the Fiesta Resort Conference Center, 2100 S. Priest Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282.

4. UAV Legislative Committee – David Lucier, UAV Legislative Chair, re-stated 3 focus areas for the UAV Legislative Committee: Education & Training, Jobs & Economic Opportunity, and Health & Wellness. Other UAV Legislative Committee members are Jeanne Botwright, Awanda Gaines, Corey Harris, and Lionel Sanchez.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Fall Elections for 2012 UAV Board of Directors: Webb Ellis, Nominations Chair
Webb Ellis reported that candidate(s) are needed for the UAV Vice Chair position. The incumbents in the other Board positions willing to continue serving are Carol Culbertson and Jesse Gersten. Candidates willing to serve as UAV Directors are Bo Bohach, Bob Madden, Ken Yamanouchi, Lionel Sanchez, and Bob Skopac.

2. Upcoming Wednesday, December 7, 2011 Commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day – Bob Delker gave Lew Bradley's report that there will be a flyover (B-17 Sentimental Journey). Check-in time for Wreath presenters will be 10:15 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Request to join UAV – Chairman Delker announced that the Perch Base Submariners organization has submitted a request to join UAV.** The Board has reviewed Perch Base Submariners' summary of information and recommends the Perch Base Submariners organization for UAV membership. Motion made by Director Madden, seconded by Dave Willis. Motion carried (unanimous).
- 2. Director Yamanouchi reported there is a 12-member Congressional Super Committee** to recommend cuts in military spending, military retirement pay, civil service retirement pay, 5% pay cut, 30% reimbursement to doctors (Medicare). David Lucier will draft a letter.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Donna Adams was recently elected National Senior Vice Commander, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary (Bob Skopac).
2. Oct 20-24, Vietnam Memorial Wall in Kingman (Gene Crego).
3. Nov 11-13, Vietnam Traveling Wall, Tempe (David Lucier) .
4. Nov 22, AUSA Dinner, McCormick Ranch Golf Clubhouse (Gene Rafanelli at: rafanell@flash.net).
5. 50/50 Raffle winner: Lionel Sanchez \$17.00; \$17.00 to the Treasury.

Next Meeting: Saturday, Nov 5, State Veteran Home, Liberty Hall, 2nd Floor, 10 am to Noon.

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bohach.

Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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